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GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH 2250 - 150th Street, Surrey, BC V4A 9J3

Weekday Mass Monday—Saturday 9AM First Friday 6:30PM

Weekend Mass Saturday 5PM Sunday 9AM 11AM 7PM

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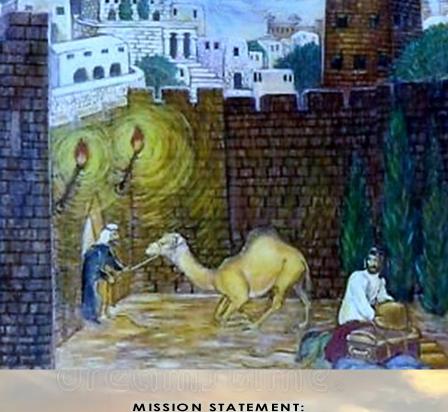
Weekend Mass Saturday 4PM Sunday 10:30AM

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 13, 2024

[St. Thomas Aquinas quoting St. Ambrose]:

At Jerusalem there was a certain gate, called, 'The needle's eye', through which a camel could not pass, but on its bended knees, and after its burden had been taken off... and so the rich should not be able to pass along the narrow way that leads to life, till he had put off the burden of sin, and of riches—that is, by ceasing to love them.



To follow Jesus Christ and to invite others to do the same.

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Our Lady, Star of the Sea, **Pray for us!**

Dear Parishioners.

On behalf of Fr. Francis, I wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving! I am grateful to be your pastor. I am grateful for all the ways you show your care and concern for Fr. Francis and I. I am grateful for the many ways you put vourself at the service of others. and especially for those who, week after



week, go about quietly and assumingly loving and caring for our elderly or homebound parishioners. I am grateful for those who are so generous with their skills and giftings, always willing to share it with our church, our people. Your actions show others how generous Our God is! May you and your loved ones be abundantly blessed! Fr. Augustine

Song of Thanksgiving

On that day, you will say: I give you thanks, O Lord; though you have been angry with me, your anger has abated, and you have consoled me. God indeed is my salvation: I am confident and unafraid. For the Lord is my strength and my might, and he has been my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the fountains of salvation, And you will say on that day: give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name; Among the nations make known his deeds. proclaim how exalted is his name. Sing praise to the Lord for he has done glorious things: let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation. City of Zion. for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel! Isaiah 12:1-6

Two reminders:

- Thank you to those who have already volunteered to be part of our Mass Projection Team. More help is needed so that no one has to volunteer every weekend. There is a signup sheet at the kiosk in the fover of Good Shepherd Church—or you can email Evon Olsen evonolsen@gmail.com
- Altar Server Training starts on October 23rd. I invite all children (grades 4 and up who are baptized and have received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist) to be part of a very important service that brings life, meaning and hope to all our liturgies. More information and the Registration form is available in the parish office. Or you can email our altar server coordinator at: s.o.s.altarservers@gmail.com

This Sunday Mass Readings:

Reading 1: <u>Wisdom 7:7-11</u> Psalm: <u>Psalm 90:12-17</u> Reading 2: <u>Hebrews 4:12-13</u> Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Homily Reflection https://www.pluscardenabbey.org/new

Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?

What a wonderful question this un-named man of the Gospel asks! He asks with such fervour, such frankness, such daring! No wonder Jesus loved him! Surely we also feel a certain instinctive attraction towards him. He puts his question not

just for himself, but on behalf of all of us; on behalf of humanity as a whole. He asks on behalf of those who have understood that the good things of this world can never satisfy us completely; on behalf too of those who have had some glimpse, however tiny, of the greatness, the goodness, the beauty, the holiness of God. Such a glimpse, or insight, or conviction tells us that the object and the fulfilment of all our best and deepest desires must be God alone, and life with him. To seek and to find God is of overriding importance for all of us: more than all other things in this life whatever.

The man on the floor before Jesus was asking for eternal life. That seems like asking for a lot. Is it asking for too much? No; because precisely **this is what we were made for; and precisely it's what God wants to give us: if only we will open our hearts to receive it**. So the great desire that was driving this man was a very good one. And more even than he knew, he had come to the right place to seek its satisfaction. Because - we know - in **Jesus Christ our Lord, and in him alone, we have access to God, and to eternal life, and to our own perfect fulfilment**.

In the Prologue to his Rule, St. Benedict puts an analogous question, but, as it were, the other way around. He pictures the Lord crying out amidst the crowd: *"Who here wants life?"* Benedict supplies the response with which he presumes his readers

will at once identify: "*I do*!" What then to do? As the Lord puts it, and as St. Benedict puts it using different scripture texts, but with the same import: the first requirement for someone who wants "true and perpetual life" (Holy Rule Prol 17) is to keep the moral law; to follow the commandments of God.

That's actually not a small requirement. But is it all? No of course it's not! Jesus looked upon him and loved him says the Gospel (Mark 10: 21). Eternal life is always sheer gift; never something we somehow earn. We enter it already when we become aware of the gaze of Jesus, full of love,

> and directed personally, individually towards each of us; and when we understand that we must respond to that at any or whatever cost. Yes, of course in the first place this involves avoiding evil and pursuing what is good; but above all it means responding to the love of Jesus: loving him, following him, belonging to him, living in him, taking up his cross: conforming ourselves to his death, in order that we may share in his resurrection (Phil 3:11; Rm 6:5 etc).

For those who hear this particular call, it also involves renouncing all worldly possessions. For St. Benedict, the call of Jesus meant embracing monastic life: a life of prayer; of total commitment in vowed poverty, chastity and obedience; a life of stability within a community; a life in which the communion of the Catholic Church is lived out in all the details of every day: her doctrine, her sacraments, her worship, her discipline, her treasures of liturgy and art and literature.

But is all this just too difficult? Is it even possible? Jesus says in today's Gospel: *all things are possible with God* (v. 27).

Please God they became possible eventually also for the rich young man (and US!); so that he who went away sad, came back somehow rejoicing, and at last, unencumbered by his stuff, received his dearest wish.

Estate Planning with a Catholic Perspective

Please join us on Thursday, October 24th at 6:30pm at Good Shepherd **Church** for a presentation on Estate Planning with a Catholic Perspective.

Speakers:



Charissa Keech. **Professional Financial** Advisor with Family Tree Financial Group. Charissa will share 5 Under Used Financial

and Estate strategies and tax saving tips to bless your family or a charity after you are gone.



Polina Furtula, Attorney with Westpoint Law Group – Polina will share the tips for ensuring you have the relevant documents for your wishes to be carried out

later in life and beyond.



Michelle J. Vizena, Coowner, Principal, and Funeral Director with Raincoast Funeral and Cremations Services -

Michelle will share the do's and don'ts of planning for your funeral and your final resting place.

After the short presentations, a

question and answer period will be held followed by light refreshments in the fover of Good Shepherd Church.

Please join us for this relevant and informative session. Everyone is welcome to attend. Looking forward to seeing you in attendance!

NOVEMBER 16, 2024 EARLY BIRD TICKETS ON SALE OCTOBER 15-18 (SAVE UP TO \$375!)



GOLD TICKETS (SEAT 10 – \$2250)

For those looking for a premium experience, we are offering Gold tables, which come with preferred seating and 3 bottles of wine. Please note that there is a limited number of Gold tables available, so it will be first come, first serve.

REGULAR TABLE (SEAT 10 - \$1500) If you prefer a table for 10 quests, those will also be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

REGULAR TICKET (SEAT 1 – \$150) When purchasing a table, please ensure that payment is made by one person and provide the names of ALL guests attending.

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Congratulations to those recently **Baptised**:

Zoey Marie Chiang Hyobi Choi

Please pray for:

Ron Schlase, Tschi Fellmann. Helen Hong, Elizabeth Armas, Tania Poling, Marjorie Shupe, Gail Herman, Marilynn Blackmore, Erl Michelson, Amelia Solomon, Noah Johnson, Lynn Carruth, Ed Wingenbach, Shirley Riehl, Vanessa York, Glenn Brooks, Marilyn Wolfe, Ann Conte, Ray Weber, Pauline & John Jones, Lorne & Cathy Houldson, Corrie Van den Boogaard, Justin O'Connor, Benzinger Family, John Becher, Christine Algard, Marin Robertson, Margaret Benoit, Ivan Felipe Aragon, Murray Carpenter, Jean Guy Tardif, Byrne Turner, Bernie Karoway, Patrick Hamilton, Julia Nadon, Jason Eddleman, Judy Nault, Theresa Desrochers, Ken Prout, Mercedes Sandoval, Jola Melone, Maria Kasprzyk, Brian Hickey, Jack Plain, Anna Schott, Peter Kingsland, Nancy Murchison, Karine Tardif, Angus Heaps, Bob Keith, Stephanie Wideski, Carmina Raponi, Marci Nunez, Adria Tate, Wolf Mashohn, Guilherme & Isaura da Ponte, Lydia McGrann, Manal Ibrahim, Marian Nadelko



PREP classes have begun, and we are excited for what the new catechetical year will bring. Please pray that the Lord guide & support our program's families and catechists in building strong Catholics to further the mission of the Church. It's still not too late h Religious Education Program to register your child(ren) in religious education.

Registration forms can be picked up at the parish office or found online on the parish website. Many thanks for your support in our parish youth formation ministry

Happy Thanksgiving from the **PREP families & catechists!**





Can connections made through the parish office help us help each other? If so, email us at parish@starofthesea.ca

A Ride to Mass at Good Shepherd Church—a long-time parishioner who lives in Ocean Park is looking for someone to give her a ride to weekend Mass (any Mass at Good Shepherd Church). If you can help (even if not weekly), please call the parish office.

Looking for Employment—new parishioner recently relocated from Montreal is looking for employment. He was a business owner, has retail experience, management experience, and also has 8 years experience as a helicopter pilot. Resume and contact available at the parish office.

Compassionate & Experienced Caregiver is looking for employment. She has 3 years of experience in Dubai taking care of seniors, has first aid and emergency response training, housekeeping & cooking skills also. Resume and contact available at the parish office.

Part-time Admin/Customer Service/Online Employment needed by a 50-yr old parishioner who is currently employed but is seeking additional part-time employment—preferably evenings, or work from home/online in admin, data entry, customer service. Please contact the parish office for her resume.

Employment needed by a 42-yr old strong and skilled labourer with 4+ years of experience as a plumbing apprentice, warehouse work and forklift operation. Resume available through the parish office.

Looking for work in IT "I am a 33 years old, residing at Surrey and a parishioner in Good Shepherd Church. I moved from India to Canada in 2022 with an Open Work Permit (Valid till 2026). Also, I received an invitation for Permanent Residence in April'24 and it is currently under review. I'm currently looking for IT or Non-IT jobs (Remote or On-site). I have completed my Bachelor's Degree in Engineering and have 4 years of experience in India." Resume available through the parish office.



"For he who finds me finds life, and wins favour from the Lord." Proverbs 8:35

What joy the simple gift of our time in dedicated prayer and adoration must bring to our Lord! Let us come to Him in the Adoration Chapel, praising Him in selfless devotion.

Could you spare just one hour in your week for Jesus? The following hours are in need of a weekly adorer:

Sunday, 9:00am-10:00am Sunday, 5:00pm-6:00pm Monday, 9:00am-10:00am **Tuesday, 10:00am-11:00am Tuesday, 2:00pm-3:00pm** Wednesday, 4:00pm-5:00pm Wednesday, 5:00pm-6:00pm Friday, 1:00pm-2:00pm Friday, 5:00pm-6:00pm Saturday, 3:00pm-4:00pm Saturday, 5:00pm-6:00pm Saturday, 5:00pm-6:00pm

Hours in need of a Substitute: Sun., Oct. 20, 27 – 6:00-7:00pm Wed., Oct. 16, 30 – 4:00-5:00pm Thurs., Oct. 17 – 5:00-6:00pm Fri., Oct. 18, 25 – 5:00-6:00pm Sat., Oct. 19, 26 – 2:00-3:00pm Sat., Oct. 19, 26 – 5:00-6:00pm

For more information or to schedule a Holy Hour of adoration please call: Donna Sali 604 542 3070



For dads of the parish and their school-aged children (5yrs +) Fridays 6:45-8:00PM in Star of the Sea School Gym

PROJECT ADVANCE 2024 Building our Parish Community

Congratulations are in order...we have just slightly surpassed our Archdiocese goal of \$177,000. A big thank you to all that have contributed to reaching this milestone!

With only 10% parishioner participation currently, we still have work to do in reaching our Parish-specific goal of \$300,000. This can only happen when every parish family contributes - - no matter the amount of donation.

With only 3 months remaining in this initiative, we ask everyone to consider participating in the campaign, and thank you for your generosity.



For your convenience, a link has been created to facilitate your donation - - <u>https://support.rcav.org/project-advance/star-of-the-sea/</u>

欢迎你

To support and encourage our Mandarin-speaking catechumens and those who, due to language find it challenging to know and understand the Mass, Fr. Augustine has graciously invited Fr. Kang from China to celebrate Mass in Mandarin on Sunday, October 20th at 3pm in Good Shepherd Church. This is an excellent opportunity for those who speak or understand Mandarin to deepen their relationship with the Lord, and gain a better understanding of the Mass liturgy, and more easily become part of our church and parish community. We warmly encourage you to invite family members or friends who may benefit. May the peace and love of Christ be with you always!

为了帮助越来越多的华语慕道 者,和由于语言障碍,还不能 走进教会、不能来认识主耶稣 的、讲或者听得懂华语的朋友 们,来认识主,了解弥撒礼 仪,更加顺利地融入我们教 会、融入我们的社区大家庭。 Fr.Augustine特别邀请来自中国 的康神父来我们Good Shepard 教堂做华语弥撒,如果您有家 人、朋友,不太明白弥撒在做 什么,或者因为语言障碍,放 弃参加弥撒的,千万不要错过 这个机会邀请他们!

请标记好您的日历:

第一台华语弥撒: 10月20日下 午3:00pm Good Shepard。

修和圣事: 10月20日下午 2:15pm-2:50pm

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